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Divers recover some of sunken toxic cargo

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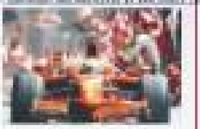
Love in action in the midst of war in South

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168 killed in India temple stampede

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No coping mechanisms in F1; it's all about finishing first



100 rescuers crawl, swim in dark tunnels

By Elmer Kristian Dusigey
Inquirer Northern Luzon

ITOGON, BENGUET—SIX SMALL-SCALE miners rescued after being trapped for a week inside a flooded mine shaft here owe their lives to over 100 people who crawl and swim through dark tunnels in shifts round the clock.

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China envoy offers help, asks for fair coverage

By Cynthia D. Balana and Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

CHINA'S ENVOY TO MANILA HAS OFFERED help in solving the problem of possibly tainted milk exports in the Philippines, but appealed to the media not to "exaggerate" the issue.

Speaking in Mandarin with an interpreter

CHINA A11

7 DAYS TRAPPED IN TUNNEL

4 more miners rescued

By Vincent Cabreza and Elmer Kristian Dusigey
Inquirer Northern Luzon

BAGUIO CITY—WITH RESPITE FROM rain and receding waters, rescuers rescued four more gold miners trapped for a week in an underground tunnel that was flooded by Typhoon "Nina," bringing to six the number of survivors so far.

Divers were attempting to reach two other men who were among eight listed as missing inside the shaft in the mining town of Itogon in Benguet, said Mines and Geosciences Bureau officer George Baywong, who is supervising the rescue effort.

"We don't know if they are survivors," Baywong said. "We are hoping against hope that they are still alive."

The bodies of two miners—Jojo and Vincent Himmayod—were retrieved on Thursday and Friday.

Rescuers and relatives applauded as the survivors were brought out Monday and yesterday on stretchers. They were extremely hungry but in apparent good health, Baywong said.

"This is some sort of a miracle," Norman de la Cruz, another Mines and

MORE A11



ANOTHER MINER, Gerry Mutyoda, is found alive after being trapped in an underground tunnel for a week in Itogon, Benguet. Hopes are high among rescuers that more of the trapped men will be saved.

World markets stunned

US Congress rejects $700-B bailout; Wall Street plunges



SAO PAOLO: Not a good day for Brazilian traders working on the main floor of the BM&F Bovespa stock exchange which halted trading on Monday after the country's main stock index plunged by more than 10 percent.

NEW YORK: The faces of these traders at the New York Stock Exchange say it all. The Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 777 points after the government's financial bailout package was rejected by the House of Representatives.

MAKATI: A trader stares at the electronic board inside the Philippine Stock Exchange in Makati. The Philippine stock market slumped as much as 6 percent in early trade on Tuesday.

WASHINGTON—THE US Congress' rejection of a $700-billion financial bailout package sent shock waves around the world on Tuesday, causing wild swings in global markets, hitting European banks, and putting policy makers on the edge of despair.

Recession fears grew, investors raced for safe havens, and leaders around the world expressed alarm at events in Washington and in international markets.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said he had sent a message to the White House to underline "the importance that we attach to taking decisive action."

New Japanese Premier Taro Aso said: "We should not let the world financial system collapse."

Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said that he and other US allies would press Washington to take action after what he called the "bad development" of the vote in the US House of Representatives.

WORLD A6

Bush, lawmakers rush new proposal to ease credit crisis

WASHINGTON—SHOCKED BY the House of Representatives' rejection of a massive rescue plan for the US economy, congressional leaders and White House officials scrambled to structure a new bailout proposal that would sway reluctant lawmakers and still soothe panicky financial markets.

BUSH A6

Gov't assesses impact on RP

By Christine O. Avendaño and Dharel L. Luces

UPON PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-Arroyo's orders, the country's economic managers met yesterday to determine the effects on the Philippine economy of the US government's failure to come up with a bailout program for troubled American financial institutions.

GOV'T ASSESSES A1



HAPPY TIMES At the Quezon Memorial Circle, it's a joyful time for Muslim families celebrating Eid'l Fitr on Tuesday, the end of the holy month of Ramadan.

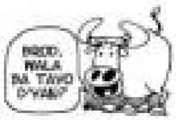
Christian-Muslim couple show the way to peace

By Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

THIS MARRIAGE BETWEEN A CHRISTIAN man and a Muslim woman works.

This is what Armand Nocum and Amina Rasul have achieved with the Christians and Muslims in Mindanao, some of whom have difficulty living together, can learn from.

CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM A10



What else can you do with $700B to burn?

WASHINGTON—BROTHER, CAN you spare a trillion? More like $700 billion, to be precise.

With Washington trying to put together a $700-billion rescue for the nation's financial system, the federal money sought by other projects is starting to look like small change.

You could buy yourself a war

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I'm hurt, says Villar of C-5 raps

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

SENATE PRESIDENT MANUEL VILLAR YESTERDAY admitted he was "deeply hurt" by charges of self-dealing after a P200-million fund insertion was discovered in the 2008 national budget for the C-5 road extension project in Parañaque City.

Palace on C-5 row: Damned if you do…

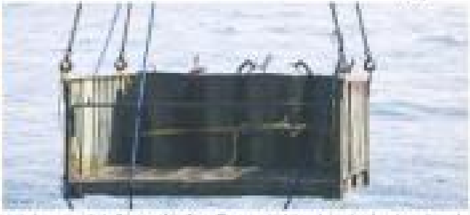
By Michael Lim Ubac

IT'S "DAMNED IF YOU DO, DAMNED IF you don't" as far as Malacañang is concerned in the Senate row over the C-5 road extension project.



Divers recover some of sunken toxic cargo







Revilla Sr. goes under knife

Pirates free 9 RP sailors

FROM CABINET TO INTERNET

Cabral signs online petition for RH bill's OK

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World markets stunned by bailout rejection



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Bush, lawmakers rush new proposal



Forces against bailout

Too-costly commitment

Stocks start plunge

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Gov't urged to review 2009 economic targets



MANILA: A bank employee holds US dollar bank notes over Philippine peso notes in a bank on Monday. President Macapagal-Arroyo said the country's monetary authorities were working hard to maintain the peso's stability and shield the public from shock waves after the US Congress shot down a $700-billion bailout.

By Michelle V. Remo

SEN. EDGARDO ANGARA has urged the administration's economic managers to revisit the macroeconomic assumptions used in setting the proposed 2009 national budget.

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Gov't assesses impact on RP; economic managers meet on President's order

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Slower growth

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OPINION

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Shooting first

EDITORIAL

ONE OF THE MOST EMBARRASSING EPISODES in her presidency happened in August 2002, when President Macapagal-Arroyo rushed to the offices of the National Bureau of Investigation and, in front of TV cameras and news photographers, pointed to a Land Bank of the Philippines cashier as a suspect in the diversion of P280 million in tax payments to private accounts. It turned out that the cashier, Acsa Ramirez, was indeed a key player in the affair—but not as a participant in the fraud but as the person who did her civic duty by exposing it to the authorities. Although she learned soon enough that she had committed a terrible mistake, Ms Arroyo refused to apologize and simply asked the nation "not to have an extended run on the issue." But it was clear that she had learned her lesson well: she never again lent her presence to televised presentations of suspects routinely staged by the police.

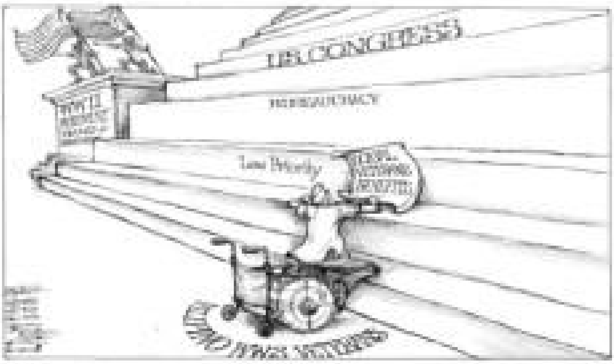
Still it took six years and several changes in its leadership before the Philippine National Police followed the example of the commander in chief. Finally last Saturday, Director General Jesus Verzosa ordered all PNP regional and provincial commanders to stop the practice of parading suspects in front of the media and the public. It was the first instruction Verzosa gave to his subordinates after he assumed the highest PNP post, perhaps indicating the high priority he is giving to the protection of human rights.

While the practice persisted, mere suspects were practically pronounced guilty by the police without the benefit of a trial. This was a violation of their basic human and constitutional right to be presumed innocent until proven otherwise. And time and again, as in the Ramirez case, suspects who had been put on public display like trophies in the war against crime turned out to have been wrongly accused.

In July this year, Commission on Human Rights Chair Leila de Lima deplored the practice and cited it as one of the reasons that made the PNP the country's No. 1 violator of human rights. Then PNP Director General Avelino Razon later announced that the police would try out the policy of banning such presentations to make the PNP "more human rights compliant." But it was left to Verzosa to issue the order to end the practice.

That was a good start for the new police chief who took over from Razon only last Saturday. But he has a very long way to go and a lot more to do before the public can regain its trust in the PNP and give it the kind of cooperation it needs to combat criminality effectively. As De Lima pointed out, Filipinos cannot easily forget police abuses during martial law as well as more recent incidents, like the suspected rubout of Kuratong Baleleng gang members, the Ortigas rubout which was recorded on videotape, and the killing of three suspects in last May's bloody bank robbery in Laguna. While the police act as accuser and judge when they parade suspects, in such killings, they appear to act as accuser, judge and executioner.

This policy of shooting first and asking questions later seems to be very much in play to this day. In fact, hardly a week passes when the police are not involved in "shootouts" that almost always end up with holdup men and sundry criminals being killed. True, criminals are becoming bolder and come better armed, and policemen have been killed in some cases. But the rising frequency of one-sided gun battles is becoming suspicious. Thus if Verzosa wants to leave a better human rights record as his legacy, he should see to it that the rules of engagement are strictly followed during such encounters. The members of the PNP ought to be reminded that their duty is to prevent crime and solve it when it happens. Judging suspects and meting out the appropriate punishment are not part of their job description. These cannot form part of the PNP's standard operating procedures.



'How to become a Villarnaire'

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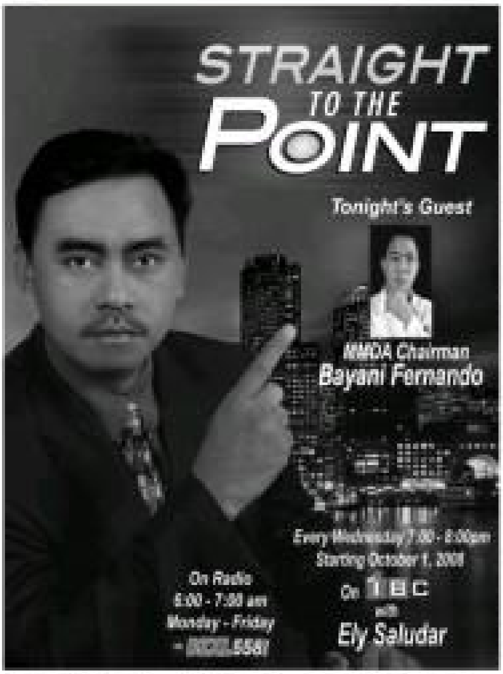
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Rooting peace

Pinoy Kasi



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Araneta Center denies it's biased against 'madungis'

Editorial written out of frustration

Across the NATION

'Pablo' strands 1,758 passengers in Bicol

TROPICAL STORM "PABLO" HIT EASTERN Samar yesterday, dumping rain over several provinces in the Visayas and Luzon.

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Shotguns for 89 cops

Lack of hospitals scored

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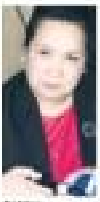
HOMETOWN Snapshot

Military in Sulu winning Tausug hearts through the movies



CHILDREN line up to see movies at the military camp in Jolo, Sulu.

No humanitarian crisis in Mindanao, says Cabral



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Love in action in the midst of war



Delabayan in Kauswagan, Lanao del Norte, is now known as 'Islam Village,' where more people from other areas have settled

School teaches young kids to revive heritage





Christian-Muslim couple show the way to peace

Books, not guns

Christian, Muslim weddings

Pain-filled years



Peace and unity

Jolted out of comfort zone





THERE'S TIME now to smile for miner Jose Paolo Jr., who, along with Ngelo Pagulayan, was found by rescuers on Monday.

4 more miners saved

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Government Bureau officer, told The Associated Press by telephone. "The hardships have been compensated and we won't give up our search for more survivors."

The first two miners rescued Monday—Ngelo Pagulayan and Jose Paolo Jr.—managed to survive by standing on a ledge in a tunnel about 600-700 feet (120-210 meters) below ground where there was enough oxygen to keep them alive.

Pagulayan and Paolo said they survived on two liters of water they brought with them when the group of 16 miners entered the tunnel in an area known as Gold Field at 6 p.m. on Sept. 22 during the typhoon that rapidly flooded the tunnels.

The four others rescued late Monday and yesterday morning—Jerry Munyoldo, Jayson Hinmaryod (a relative of the Gualdos), Robert Mabuti and Garry Gano—were found in separate elevated portions of the shaft. They were later taken to the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC).

'We heard voices'

The pale, haggard miners were found after they responded to the yells of rescue teams.

"We heard their voices as we reached 700 feet [213 meters] below ground. They turned on their helmet lights and that is how we found them," said rescue miner Eliseo Dalisok.

Nearly 100 rescuers have been battling heavy rains and rising water to look for the miners. But with the break in the weather the past two days, De la Cruz said rescuers heard what appeared to be faint human voices in some of the tunnels and the search focused in that area.

The tunnels, dug decades ago in the mountainous province, were abandoned in the 1990s by a gold mining company, which posted guards at entrances to prevent accidents.

The trapped miners—who were working on their own with no permit—dug a narrow passageway to gain access to the tunnels, Bayoneng said.

They drank dripping water

Munyoldo said he and the other miners survived by drinking water dripping through the cracks of the rocks. Although the tunnel was flooded, there were elevated areas where the trapped miners were able to take refuge, he said.

Whatever miners, using a [illegible] rafts, had to use scuba gear provided by the Philippine Navy to enter the flooded tunnels in search of their trapped comrades.

At 4 p.m. Tuesday, rescue workers had yet to find Joel Belgo, Mario and Joseph Anayasan, Gilbert Nabrin, Rudy Bolog Jr., and Rudy, Jose and Marvin, all surnamed [illegible].

Relatives of the Anayasan brothers repeatedly asked rescue volunteers at the hospital if they had information regarding the two miners.

The brothers were initially given the best chance of survival by miners last week because they had ventured into an elevated area of the old mine.

Hospital employees were initially instructed to keep Pagulayan, Paolo and Munyoldo away from reporters and television news crews to allow them time to recuperate.

Reporters were eventually allowed to talk briefly to the survivors at noon but Gano and Mabuti begged off.

"I need to sleep," Gano said.

Sense of humor

The rest of the survivors maintained their sense of humor.

Paolo said there was no story inside the tunnel, when asked if he was able to feed himself.

He giggled a lot, but had few words for the cameras when he was repeatedly asked to recount his ordeal.

Pagulayan told reporters that he would go back to the tunnels and work once he is given a clean bill of health.

Dr. Manuel Quintos, chief of the BGHMC emergency room, said Paolo, Pagulayan and Munyoldo were doing well, except for mild dehydration.

"One of the two men even joked that he starved throughout his ordeal, so we gave him good food," Quintos said.

But he said the hospital staff could not feed the last three survivors who were admitted yesterday.

Quintos said Hinmaryod had to undergo surgery to help his body release excess air. "He had many wounds around his legs. Maybe he tried to crawl through very tight spaces," the doctor said.

Thin air in tunnels

The miners were trapped in tunnels, where the air is so thin that it disrupts a person's blood oxygen level.

Mabuti also showed signs of excess air in his abdomen and had to get his jaw checked because of an injury.

"Gano complained of abdominal pain, but initial tests have yet to reveal anything amiss," Quintos said. *With reports from AP, AFP*

100 rescuers crawl, swim

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Retrieving civilians is not an easy thing to do for these rescuers, mostly miners themselves and divers from the Philippine Navy, said a Benguet Corp. engineer. "The tunnel is filled with holes and huge stones that block the pathway."

The tunnel floors are smooth only for certain stretches of the portal. Then the floors turn rugged and uneven. Most of these tunnels are interlaced, forming a vertical maze where the uninitiated can disappear easily, the engineer said.

But miners have been crawling through these old portals for years, hoping to stumble on minerals that their old stewards had missed, said Fred Jacinto, a former president of a local miners' association.

"We dig just next [holes] through the old tunnel walls wherever we find any," he said.

But they all rely on old tunnel maps, which rescue workers have been using for leads to the trapped miners.

Logbook led to survivors

George Bayoneng, a government engineer supervising the rescue efforts, said searchers were relying on a 1956 map used by Benguet Corp.

"It has been years since we stopped operating and we blocked off other pathways [for safety]. But since small-scale miners entered the abandoned mining area they may have created their own pathways," the Benguet Corp. engineer said.

But Bayoneng said the miners also logged their objectives and locations every time they entered the portal, and that helped rescuers to track them.

The rescuers reached four survivors on Monday night through Tuesday morning because they pushed through tunnels where these miners said they would be exploring a week ago, based on a logbook, Bayoneng said.

Small-scale miners have also been responsible for setting the right direction.

"It takes us about half an hour to reach the shafts where we go down to our work areas. But for people who are not familiar with the place, it takes them about two hours," Jacinto said.



JASON HINMARYOD, rescued yesterday, is fitted with an IV drip preparatory to surgery at the Baguio General Hospital.

Father rescued son

One of those miners, Mario Hinmaryod, was able to rescue his son Jayson.

He said: "It's very dark down there. I swam through the water. I then heard shouts. I made sure that they were there. Then I went back to call the Navy divers."

"There's a crevice there that the water didn't reach. That's where they stayed," Mario said.

After a few days, the rescue efforts became organized. Rescuers set up teams from Level 800 down to Level 700, the lowest section where the miners have been trapped.

One team works in shifts to search portions. Another team is in charge of a rope-and-pulley system that hauls up survivors. The survivors are then relayed to another team at Level 400 that would bring them out of the tunnel and on to the waiting medical teams.

China envoy offers help

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by his side, Ambassador Song Tao acknowledged on Monday that China had a responsibility to the world in terms of improving the safety and quality of its food exports.

"If you have any problem and if you fear in the Philippines, we are ready to offer whatever help we can provide. But our sincere hope is that this issue [will be discussed] in a spirit of seeking truth from facts. We hope Chinese will not be exaggerated…" Song said during the National Day celebration at the Chinese Embassy in Manila.

The envoy called on the various companies involved in the issue to fully cooperate in solving the problem.

"The Chinese government has taken some measures, and I firmly believe that milk products from China are safe and [of good] quality now," he said.

Song expressed the belief that the tainted-milk scandal would hurt only those companies and enterprises involved, and not China's economy.

"[But] although it will not affect the whole picture of the Chinese economy, the Chinese government will handle this matter of food quality and food safety in a serious, conscientious, open and transparent manner, in the spirit of being responsible to the people," he added.

As many as four children have died and more than 50,000 others sickened in China after drinking milk laced with the industrial chemical melamine.

'Positive'

"Many" of the products that the Philippines' Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD) has sampled from the market and included in its list of 30 milk and milk products for testing are positive for melamine, a ranking official involved in the analysis told the Inquirer yesterday.

But the initial findings will have to be subjected to confirmatory tests before the bureau can officially declare that the products are indeed contaminated, said the official, who asked not to be named for lack of authority to speak publicly.

BFAD Director Leticia Gutierrez, however, refused to confirm the information and said actual testing would probably start tomorrow afternoon.

"We are making sure the results will be dependable, that if a product tests positive, it is really positive and not just false positive," Gutierrez said on the phone.

The BFAD named on Friday a list of 31 products it would test, but shortly delisted four products that were actually made in New Zealand.

Task force

Gutierrez said no new list of products for testing would be released in the next few days.

But inspection is ongoing and products for testing are still being transported from the field to the laboratory in Muntinlupa City, she said.

Health Secretary Francisco Duque III yesterday inspected the BFAD laboratory and met with its officials to form a task force that would monitor the implementation of the ban on China-made milk and milk products.

Duque heads the task force, which includes officials of the BFAD, Department of Trade and Industry, National Bureau of Investigation, Department of Interior and Local Government, Presidential Anti-Smuggling Group and Department of Justice.

He said the bureau had finalized the "reference standard" for melamine content and had established the calibration so actual testing could begin on Thursday.

Duque ordered the BFAD to require manufacturers to declare the sources of their milk-based ingredients, saying health departments and likewise concerned about products manufactured elsewhere but using milk ingredients from China.

He also directed the bureau to go after stores still selling the banned products and file charges.

Gutierrez said it was possible some stores had returned to their shelves these products they pulled out after the ban was announced.

She reiterated her call to consumers not to buy China-made milk and milk products and report to the BFAD any violators of the ban.

Assurance from Cadbury

In a statement, British chocolate maker Cadbury assured Filipino consumers that its products sold in the Philippines were not tainted.

"We can confirm that the range of Cadbury products sold throughout the Philippines are all sourced from Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia and the United Kingdom, and all are completely safe for consumption," said Michael Andrew Brown, Cadbury sales director for Southeast Asia.

"None of these factories source milk-based ingredients from China and the manufacturing origin can be clearly identified on the back of the packaging of our products," Brown said.

Plug for goat's milk

In Malacañang, President Macapagal-Arroyo's deputy spokesperson said now was a good time to promote more production of goat's milk, which she described as better than cow's milk and "hypoallergenic."

Lorelei Fajardo, who Ms Arroyo's adviser for Central Luzon, said she was seeking funding to give the relatively small goat industry a boost.

"We just need additional funds so we can import goats from Australia. Our native goats release only small amounts of milk," she said, adding:

"This is a good opportunity for us. The crisis can be turned into an opportunity for goat farmers."

Fajardo also said she had endorsed to the Department of Agriculture the request for support of the Marvic Goja-based Small Ruminant Center, which is producing goat's milk. *With a report from Christine O. Avendaño*


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DID YOU KNOW

Reversal of CA decision on Gonzalez sought

Delgado family pursues TRO vs implementation of ruling

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE FAMILY OF SLAIN BUSINESSMAN Federico Delgado is bent on forcing Metro-brother, Lubelo "Louie" Gonzalez—a grandson of the late President Elpidio Quirino—stand trial for his murder.

On Sept. 29, Delgado's family and his companion, Ancelito Pedro, asked the Supreme Court to reverse and nullify the Court of Appeals' amended decision that found no probable cause to charge Gonzalez and his driver, Antonio Barnuflor, for Federico's death.

They also sought a temporary restraining order against the implementation of the appellate court's ruling.

On Sept. 3, the appellate court dismissed the murder charges against Gonzalez and Barnuflor, saying the credibility of the lone eyewitness, Pedro, was placed in serious doubt due to "significant improbabilities in her account." The ruling was a reversal of its earlier decision that upheld a Department of Justice resolution finding enough reason to charge the two men with Delgado's death.

"Considering the suddenness of the attack plus the fact that the assailants had masks on their faces, it was certainly not possible, in that instance, that she [Pedro] could have seen their faces," the court said.

Delgado was stabbed dead by two men in his apartment in Malate, Manila, on March 15, 2007. Pedro, who said she was locked inside a closet by the suspects, managed to escape. She later identified Gonzalez and Barnuflor as responsible for Delgado's death.

In their Supreme Court petition, Delgado's family said the appellate court acted like a trial court and made factual findings on the case without the benefit of a trial. They also said the appellate court arrogated upon itself the DOJ's duty to determine whether or not there was probable cause, and also relied on "mere speculation" to

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Visitors enjoy the sights of Manila's historic Intramuros on a horse-drawn carriage at Fort Santiago.

2 men who robbed taxi driver shot dead by cops

By Jeannette I. Andrade

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A TEACHER looks at what's left of a room at the Philippine Science High School after an early morning fire.

Faculty room of science high school in Quezon City hit by fire

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Fat dolphins put on a diet

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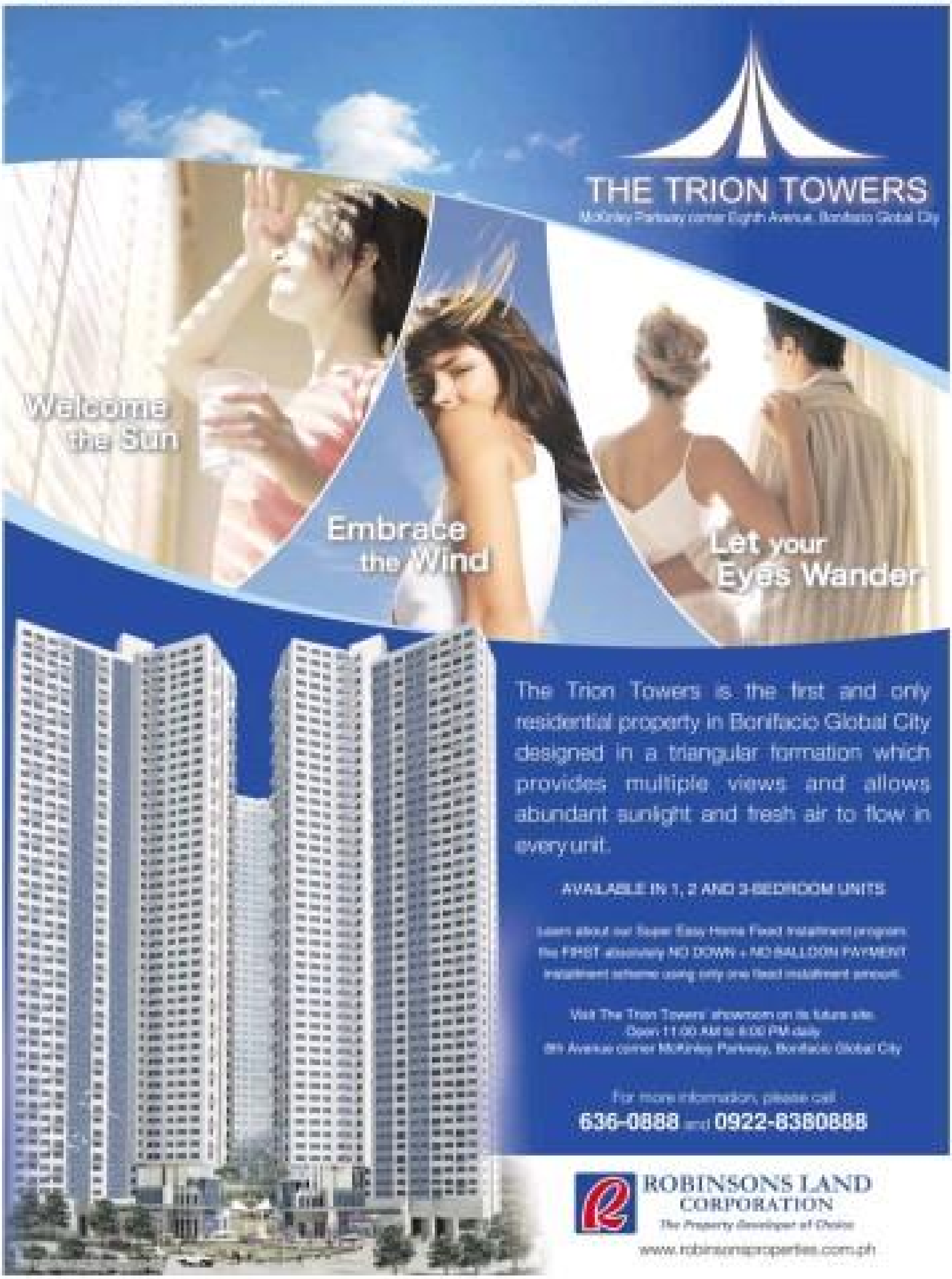
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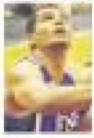


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By Gold!! Tapa

ALL THAT TALK ABOUT SAM EKWE GETTING picked up by police for alleged game-fixing two weeks ago and costing San Beda a game in the elimination round because of his wrong uniform must be forgotten.

His name literally etched in San Beda lore with a pair of Most Valuable Player awards, the 6-foot-8 Nigerian left the school with a winning legacy as he spearheaded the Lions to a third consecutive title at the expense of Jose Rizal University at the Araneta Coliseum.

"This is the perfect gift from God," Ekwe, who was named MVP of the Finals, told the Inquirer amid the celebration on court.

Ekwe's uniform flap in the game against St. Benilde in the first round compelled the NCAA Management Committee to overturn the Lions' 74-52 victory.

Ekwe was at the center of controversy again two weeks ago when reports circulated that he was questioned by the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group for his sub-par performance in the 83-63 overtime win over Letran.

It was in the finals where Ekwe, also the season MVP, finally erased doubts about his commitment to the Lions.

Championship double elates MVP

TELECOMMUNICATIONS TYCOON AND Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas president Manny V. Pangilinan was a picture of delight Monday night.

Not only did his alma mater and the varsity team he extensively supports, San Beda, capture a third straight NCAA crown, the Red Lions also completed a collegiate basketball championship double for Pangilinan.

Pangilinan is also the chief backer of the Ateneo Blue Eagles, who won the UAAP crown for the first time in six years at the expense of fierce rival La Salle last Thursday.

"I'm very happy for both (San Beda and Ateneo) teams," Pangilinan told the Inquirer as he made his way out of the Araneta Coliseum.

Pangilinan gave a short pep talk to the Eagles prior to Game 2 of the finals against La Salle, which Ateneo won, 65-62.

Before Game 2 of the finals between San Beda and Jose Rizal, Pangilinan sent a text message to Lions coach Frankie Lim: "The newspapers have got it wrong, Frankie. You and the San Beda team have a date with destiny and in a dream for a dynasty. Neither belongs to Jose Rizal."

Gold!! T. Tapa



LEBRON James laughs after Anderson Varejao purposely pounds his fists to make the Cleveland superstar appear to the guy who has a pain.

Ateneo breaks Hapee hookup

But SBC stays with B. King

By Gold!! Tapa

WHAT STARTED OUT AS A POTENTIALLY "magical" partnership has turned into a hookup caught in a swirl of intrigue.

A day after a statement announcing newly-crowned UAAP champion Ateneo's hookup with PBL squad Hapee reached the sports pages, the two parties said yesterday they were parting ways with the Blue Eagles initiating the split.

"Ateneo has pulled out," Hapee team manager Bernard Yang told Inquirer in a telephone interview. "We are very disappointed."

The breakup, and the subsequent lack of any reason for the move, has pushed the issue into the edge of controversy, one that reportedly traces its roots to the recent NCAA championship.

Pushed for a comment, PBL executive director Butch Maniego simply told the Inquirer in a separate phone interview: "Ask the truth."

And the question points back to the San Beda-Jose Rizal U. duel for the NCAA crown where, before the deciding Game 3 of the series, PBL commissioner Chino Trinidad threatened to pull out the referee amid instructions that officiating will [illegible] during the Bombers' Game 2 victory.

Officially, though, no reason was given. Yang said he is clueless on the reason of the Ateneo pullout, although Ateneo president Fr. Bienvenido Nebres and Hapee team owner Cecilio Pedro reportedly discussed the matter yesterday afternoon.

Ateneo athletic director Ricky Palou said he has no knowledge of the pullout.

The Blue Eagles and the San Beda Red Lions have a common backer in Smart-PLDT chief Manny V. Pangilinan, who is also president of the Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas.

After Game 2 of the NCAA series, PBL commissioner Chino Trinidad said he received a phone call from SBP executive director Noli Eala where the latter questioned the officiating of the game handled by the PBL referees.



AL PERSPECTIVE

Eala has denied making the call, but Beda eventually wound up with the NCAA crown after winning Game 3.

King was hoping that Ateneo and Hapee could relive their "magic together," citing the time the team won a PBL title with the help of erstwhile Eagles Rich Alvarez, LA Tenorio and Larry Fonacier.

Under the suspended agreement, Hapee was supposed to acquire the services of Rabeh Al-Hussaini, the UAAP MVP, Finals MVP Nonoy Baclao, Chris Tiu and Eric Salamat.

Moving from what the Ateneo pullout has something to do with the NCAA finals, San Beda College is still pushing through with its link-up with Burger King.

San Beda rector Fr. Mateo De Jesus said yesterday afternoon the school has agreed "in principle" with the owners of the club on the tie-up.

"We are just sorting out other minor details like who among the Red Lions will be part of the team," De Jesus told the Inquirer in a telephone interview.

Whoppers coach Alan Gregorio said they will tap a maximum of six San Beda players to the team that already includes Marcy Arellano, Jessie Ballesteros, Woody Co and Reiner Divid.

Also partnering with a top basketball school is five-time defending champion Harbour Centre, which tied up with Far Eastern U.

LeBron's next target: NBA title

INDEPENDENCE, OHIO—LEBRON James swept his Olympic gold medal to his home office, and from time to time Cleveland's star takes a peek at it.

"It's a pretty sight," he said.

James spent part of his summer helping the US basketball team restore its global superiority by winning gold at the Beijing Games. At just 23, he was the undisputed leader of that 12-player squad comprised of superior talents and supersized egos.

"If you can lead 11 of the best guys in the world, you can lead anybody," James said on Monday. "If I can lead Kobe Bryant and MVPs, I should be able to lead Daniel Gibson."

James has visions of another exquisite, glittering prize—the NBA championship trophy. And he thinks it's within the Cavaliers' reach.

"So clearly I think I can lead these guys to the championship," he said. "My really believe that. It's not about making the playoffs for our team anymore. It's about winning a championship."

The Cavaliers have come close. Two years ago, they made their first trip to the finals before being overwhelmed and swept in four games by the San Antonio Spurs. Last season, they pushed the eventual champion Boston Celtics to seven games in the Eastern Conference semifinals. *AP*

Celtics want another victory run

BOSTON—IT TOOK 22 YEARS FOR the Boston Celtics to win their NBA-record 17th championship.

No one in the organization wants to go through a similar drought before the 18th.

"You do not get to a level and then step backward," All-Star forward Kevin Garnett said on Monday at a team gathering. "It will probably be the hardest thing we've done, other than getting the first championship."

The Celtics won last season after one of the most dramatic offseason overhauls in NBA history, bringing in Garnett and Ray Allen to join with Paul Pierce in a new Big Three that managed, in its first season together, to add to the title earlier amassed by previous Boston greats like Larry Bird, Robert Parish and Kevin McHale.

But the original Big Three didn't stop at one—they won in 1981, '84 and '86. And, after showing just what a little championship hunger can do, the new threesome wants more, too.

"You look around at all the banners, all the great teams, all the great players that have been here, they did it more than once," Pierce said. "That's what it's going to take to get to that next level with the other Celtic greats."

The team begins that effort on Tuesday when they begin training camp in resorts in Newport, Rhode Island. *AP*



SPIDERMAN Professional rock climber and surfing star Chris Lindner is set to arrive in Manila on Oct. 3 for a rock climbing event organized by Suzuki, a surfing/extreme brand. Lindner will conduct a rock climbing clinic at the Recreation Outdoor Exchange (ROX) in Bonifacio High Street on Oct. 5, from 1-5 p.m.

White Sox rout Tigers, face Twins for AL Central crown

CHICAGO—THE CHICAGO WHITE SOX forced a one-game playoff for the American League Central Division title by beating the Detroit Tigers 8-2 on Monday.

Alexei Ramirez set a rookie record with his fourth grand slam home run of the season to lead the Sox to the easiest makeup win, forcing a one-game tiebreaker against the Minnesota Twins in Chicago on Tuesday.

The winner of Tuesday's game will start the first round of the playoffs against the Tampa Bay Rays in Florida on Thursday.

"I don't think you ever expect a one-game playoff," White Sox first baseman and team captain Paul Konerko said.

"It's an oddity. We are just scrapping, fighting and trying to get to where we want to go."

Ramirez's slam keyed a five-run sixth inning rally as the White Sox made the most of Gavin Floyd (17-8) and the Tigers' pitching on three days rest for the victory.

"Our situation is good," Lindstrom said. "We fought for this and earned it.

"One hundred and sixty-two games weren't enough so we need one extra, and we wouldn't have it any other way."

Chicago and Minnesota finished the regular season with identical 88-74 records.

Detroit took a 2-1 lead into the sixth inning, but starter Freddy Garcia had to leave the game with tightness in his shoulder and the Tigers bullpen could not hold off the White Sox.

"It's been a tough year," manager Jim Leyland said of his club's season. Detroit finished last in the AL Central with a 74-88 mark. *Reuters*



ALEXEI Ramirez (right) and Paul Konerko of the Chicago White Sox celebrate after they scored on Ramirez's grand slam home run. *AP*

LSGH paces Paya golf

BALANCED SCORING CATAPULTED La Salle Green Hills Team A to the early lead in the midgets division of the first round of the 1st Paya Interscholastic Golf Championship at the Villamor Golf Club last week.

LSGH amassed 159 points behind AB Ramos (51), Justin Dy (46) and JP de Guia (41).

De La Salle slotted in at second spot with 120 points through the efforts of Ramon Arboc (42), Sean Avellan (41) and Joe Matthew Reyes (41).

LSGH-B (100), Xavier-A (73) and Xavier-B (47) are the other squads in the top five.

LSGH-A also leads the juniors division.

Luzon schools launch Uclaa

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COLLEGE Will host the inaugural Universities and Colleges of Luzon Athletic Association (Uclaa), the country's first sports league that will cover the entire Luzon area.

National College of Business and Arts (NCBA), Olivarez College-Tagaytay (OC-Tagaytay) and the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Muntinlupa (PLMun) are the other founding members of the tournament set to start next month with competition in men's and junior basketball and women's volleyball.

"The Uclaa aims to raise sports consciousness and promote excellence in sports competition among the youth enrolled in colleges and universities," said St. Francis' Monique Melendrez.

Melendrez said Uclaa officers will meet at 2 p.m. tomorrow, Oct. 2, at Mang Inasal Restaurant at the Mall of Asia in Pasay City to discuss further details of the season. Interested schools may contact mobile nos. [illegible] and [illegible].

Officers of the 1st season are Renato Diaz of SFAC, president; Ted Poole of SDAC, vice president; [illegible] of OCT, secretary; Francisco Quinto of NCBA, treasurer; and [illegible] of PLMun, public relations officer.

"Tournament fee is pegged at P20,000. Uclaa members will also be subjected to [illegible] in promoting amateur sports, develop the ideals of sportsmanship and fair play among their students."

BIT International captures PCCL Region 5 trophy

BIT INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF Bohol outgunned Foundation University of Dumaguete, 83-78, to bag the Region 5 championship of the Smart-PLDT Philippine Collegiate Championship League at the Holy Name University gym in Tagbilaran recently.

BIT downed Asian College of Science and Technology of Dumaguete, 118-111, while FU subdued Holy Name University, 76-70, in the semifinals to arrange the winner-take-all final duel.

BIT will join NCAA third placer Letran, the Zonal runner-up, Region 4 and 6 champions and a wild-card entry in the main draw of the country's biggest collegiate tournament.

University of Nueva Caceres earlier bagged the Region 5 (Quezon-Bicol) plum to also make another Zonal finals along with UAAP fourth placer University of the East, the NCAA fourth champion and three wild-card entries in the Zonal finals.

The top two teams in the zonal championships will qualify to the FROR Flying V "Sweet 16" Final Challenge in Manila.

In Region 6, (Western Visayas) [illegible], Eastern Visayas State University, Saint Paul Business School, AMA Computer Learning Center and Western Leyte College are competing for the regional championship at the Ormoc City Dome.

For more details about the yearly tournament, including results and various updates, visit the official website at www.CollegiateChampionshipsLeague.net.

SPORTS

STI five a win from 2nd Naascu title

ROOKIE OSCAR CRISOSTOMO FIRED four points in the final 25 seconds to lift STI Colleges to a come-from-behind 75-72 win over San Sebastian College-Cavite yesterday and move within a win of bagging the Naascu crown at the Makati Coliseum.



ANNUAL IT FRIENDSHIP BOWLING TOURNAMENT

TIM-led bowling tournament draws strong support from leading companies





Started in 1991, the TIM Friendship Bowling Tournament has since become a tradition among TIM's roster of clients and business associates and is eagerly anticipated by some of the best bowling players in the business and government institutions.

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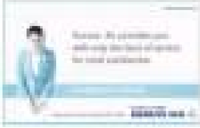
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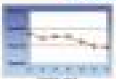
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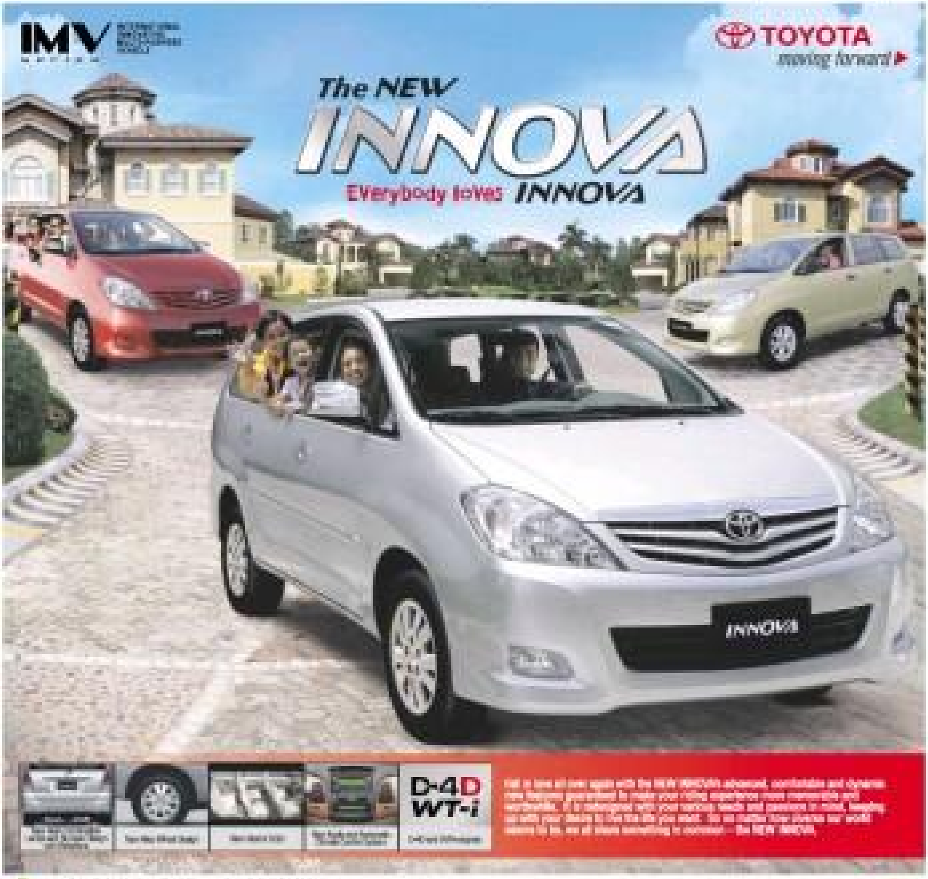
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LOCAL STOCKS FELT THE SHOCK WAVES FROM Wall Street, tumbling more than 5 percent when trading opened yesterday before sobering up on bargain hunting.

September inflation seen at 12.7%

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Foreign debt up 3.4% as of June

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE COUNTRY'S FOREIGN DEBT ROSE BY 3.4 percent to $54.9 billion at end-June from year-ago level.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas yesterday said that given the increase in the size of the domestic economy, however, the ratio of the country's external debt stock to gross domestic product dropped to 30.5 percent at end-June from 37.9 percent in the same period last year.

"The declining ratio indicates the country's improving capacity to service its maturing foreign obligations," BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. said in a statement.

Also, the percentage of total principal debt and interest payments to total exports of goods and receipts from services and income—including remittances from overseas Filipinos—improved to 13.6 percent from 15.8 percent at end-June last year.

"The debt service ratio has remained well below the 20- to 25-percent international benchmark, indicating that the country has sufficient foreign exchange earnings to service maturing principal and interest payments," Tetangco said.

The end-June foreign debt stock was also slightly higher than the $54.6 billion posted as of end-March this year.

The public sector accounted for $38.5 billion or 70.1 percent of the total foreign debt as of end-June.

The central bank said the $1.8-billion increase in the foreign debt stock was partially due to the upward foreign exchange revaluation adjustment worth $2.8 billion.

US-dollar denominated borrowings accounted for 53.1 percent of the country's debt stock, while Japanese yen-denominated obligations represented 28.4 percent. The rest consisted of multicurrency loans from multilateral lenders and other creditors.

Also, the BSP reported an increase in foreign investors' holdings of Philippine debt papers to $384 million.

These factors which pushed up the debt stock negated the net principal repayments of $1.7 billion made by Philippine borrowers during the period.

In terms of maturity, 80 percent of the total foreign debt represented medium- to long-term loans, with average maturity of 20 years. Public sector borrowings had an average term of 21.7 years, longer than the average of 11.8 years for private sector debts.

Official creditors—consisting of multilateral institutions such as the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank as well as bilateral creditors like the Japan Bank for International Cooperation—accounted for 41.6 percent of the country's total debt.

WWII veterans

QUESTIONS OF POLICIES

Horacio C. General

WHEN JAPAN SURRENDERED on Aug. 14, 1945, we who had fought as regular army or as guerrillas suddenly became veterans. The terrible war was finally over and everybody looked to picking up the pieces in a regime of peace.

I had joined the guerrilla late in the war. When Bicol was liberated, all the guerrilla units were organized into the Bicol Brigade and integrated into the regular Philippine Army. We were billeted in the pre-war army barracks in Daraga, Albay. We were eagerly looking forward to joining the invasion of Japan.

After V-J Day, the brigade was brought to Manila in a US transport ship. We were demobilized in Camp Murphy, now Camp Aguinaldo. We went back home to Bicol, courtesy of the Manila Railroad.

I was out of school throughout the war. I finally finished high school at the Ateneo de Naga in 1947. Like any veteran, my tuition fees at the National University, where I took up mechanical engineering (at the time, engineering courses were only for four years), were fully paid for by the Philippine Veterans Board using American money under the US GI Bill of Rights.

At the point made by, I already realized that Filipino WWII veterans had been short-changed.

The Veterans Hospital at Quezon City was originally planned to be twice as big. But the Philippine government, still struggling from the ravages of war, asked the US government for half of the money. As a result, the hospital was cut in half, leaving enough room for an 18-hole golf course. Now I hear a well-connected real estate developer wants to put up high-rise condominium buildings on the golf course. That's fine, provided (a) there should be a real public bidding and (b) the proceeds should be spent to improve hospital facilities.

As the veterans reached old age, pensions became a huge problem. To be sure, the Philippine government has done what it could. Every month, I trudge to the nearest branch of the Philippine Veterans Bank to cash my P5,000 monthly pension. My sister-in-law in Naga also gets her pension as the survivor of my late older brother who was also a veteran.

During the Ramos presidency, a law was enacted granting an old-age pension of P500 monthly to veterans (the sum has been expanded to include all veterans alive after World War II) who were at least 70 years old, subject to availability of funds. Of course, no funds were available. By now, the government owes the veterans some P20 billion.

Perhaps, some of the VAT windfall can be appropriated to help clear the account.

The US government reneged on its wartime obligations to Filipino veterans, except disability benefits that were already in force. My cousin continues to receive $500 monthly for his permanent disability.

I have always said that, in the world of geopolitics, the US government has always treated its enemies, Germany and Japan, much better than its wartime allies like the Philippines.

Now pending in the US Congress is a bill to restore pension benefits to Filipino WWII veterans. The bill will soon go to the bicameral conference committee. Before the end of his term, President Bush should sign the final bill into law.

From what I read in the papers, the pension is not much. But the feeling among most veterans seems to be that whatever the pension may finally be, it will be better than nothing.

The Americans have pauperized the Filipino veterans into submission. He now goes around with a begging bowl in hand. This is the greatest insult and the most pitiful tragedy.

ABS-CBN inks ₱2-B loan deal

By Elizabeth Sanchez-Lazaro

TELEVISION GIANT ABS-CBN BROADCASTING Corp. yesterday said it had signed a P2-billion loan deal to finance improvements on its network transmission capabilities and upgrades in production equipment.

ABS corporate planning and investor relations head Charles Gatus said the loan formed part of a P5-billion facility arranged by BPI Capital Corp. and BB Capital Corp.

The first tranche of P1 billion was signed on Aug. 15.

The network earlier said its first-half net income rose by 2 percent to P734 million, from P720 million in the same period last year.

Last year's net income included a one-time gain of P172 million from license fees paid by DirecTV to ABS-CBN after the latter's US subscribers migrated to DirecTV.

Without the one-time gain, its net income would have risen by 34 percent to P734 million in the first six months, from P547 million in the same period last year.

Consolidated revenue in the first semester reached P10.5 billion, as advertising minutes grew 11 percent in the first semester. Advertising minutes have started to pick up, boosting airtime revenue by 5 percent in July.

The rise in ad rates also helped boost total revenue during the period.

₱400-M DBP loan for housing project OKd

STATE-OWNED DEVELOPMENT BANK OF the Philippines has approved a fresh P400-million loan to bankroll a land development and housing project that would benefit about 6,800 poor households in General Trias, Cavite.

DBP president and chief executive officer Reynaldo G. David said the loan would support the Cavite mass housing project for informal dwellers.

"This is in line with the national government's thrust to provide decent and affordable shelter to marginalized sectors of the society and address the continuing problem of squatting," David said in a press statement.

The loan was meant to jump-start a mass housing project on a 53-hectare property in Pasong Camachile, General Trias, Cavite, which was contributed by the provincial government of Cavite and currently being developed by R-II Builders Inc.

Informal settlers, factory employees working in nearby economic zones and Cavite residents willing to purchase socialized housing units at affordable monthly amortization through the Pag-IBIG Fund are among those expected to benefit from the mass housing project.

The first two clusters of the project had been allocated to prequalified members of the Pag-IBIG Fund, the bank said.

Under the project, 32 ha were earmarked for the residential lots composed of 40-square meter duplex units and 32-sq m row houses; 18 ha for community facilities such as road networks, parks and playgrounds; and 3 ha for commercial establishments.

R-II Builders has completed various infrastructure projects for the government in the past 17 years, including the Smokey Mountain Development and Reclamation Project which has earned international distinction for its socio-economic impact.

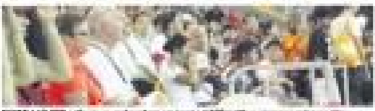
David said the project was funded under the Development of Poor Urban Communities Sector Project, which was envisioned to contribute to the government's poverty alleviation efforts.

DPUCSP backed by a technical assistance grant from the Asian Development Bank and implemented by DBP aims to assist local government units in addressing the housing and basic infrastructure needs of the urban poor. *Doris C. Dumlao*

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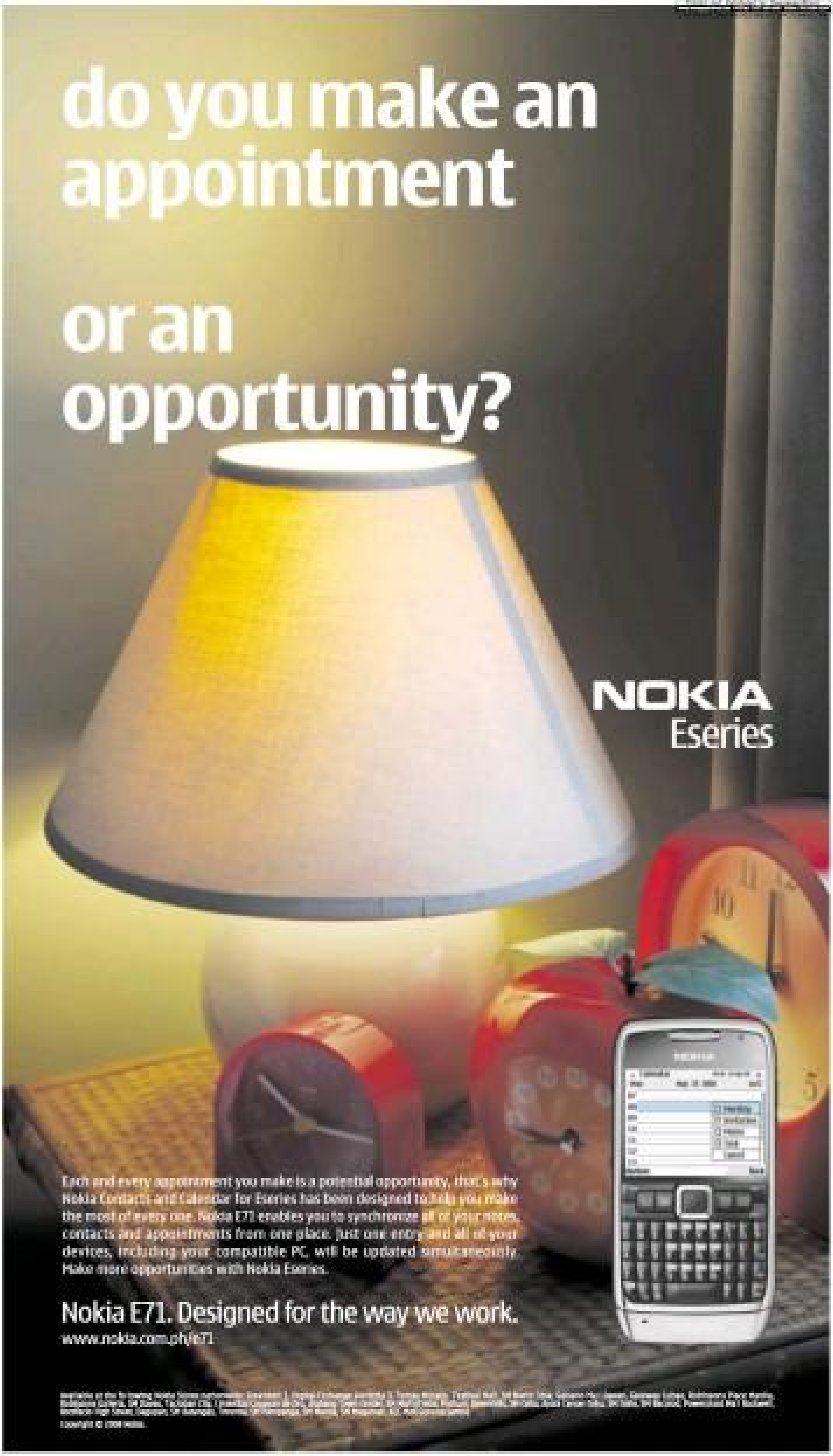
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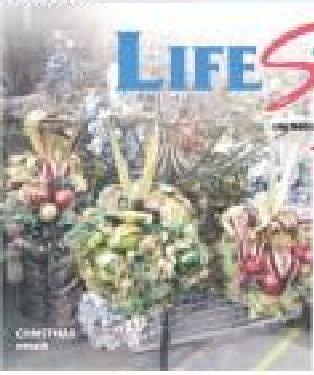
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LifeStyle Home & Entertaining

Dapitan Street is Metro Manila's 'Paskuhan' address

The shopping haven near UST is a veritable Christmas Village with its treasure trove of holiday decor finds

Early Christmas shopping at the Madness

Dapitan Street is Metro Manila's 'Paskuhan' address


LAMPS

By Jake Ramirez
Contributor

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WICKER bar stools


DAPITAN Arcade

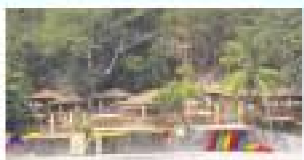

VARIOUS cookie jars


BOWLS in orange and black

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Premium seaside living

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AMARA en Terrazas residents have access to the exclusive facilities of Terrazas de Punta Fuego.





Cebu jewelers . . .



Green donation

Cebu jewelers, exporters give back to Mother Nature



CRAFT: Jewelry makers launch an environmental campaign.

WITH THE HEIGHTENED level of awareness on the importance and urgency of preserving the environment, the fashion industry, in particular the jewelry manufacturers and exporters of Cebu, has launched a campaign on sustainable environment and design, which at the same time provides a source of steady livelihood for people.

The Fashion Accessories Manufacturers and Exporters Foundation, better known as Fame Foundation, is a Cebu-based nonprofit association established in 1987. The foundation is the leading business support organization for costume jewelry in the Philippines which boasts of nearly a hundred manufacturers and exporters as members.

The manufacture of costume jewelry in the Philippines utilizes indigenous materials such as wood, seashells, coconut and other plant and wildlife byproducts. With this dependency on nature's products, Cebu Fame Foundation has partnered with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for the research and development of these natural resources.

The DENR has proposed three areas of focus: forest management, coastal environmental program and livelihood project. Last Oct. 17, Go Green Philippines was formally launched at the Manila F.A.M.E. International.

Go Green is a sustainable environmental program to revitalize the Philippine ecosystem and sustain the Philippine fashion accessories industry. The program has a three-fold objective: recycle, replenish, revitalize.

Currently on its first phase, Go Green is gearing its efforts

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Outdoor entertaining essentials

COLORFUL dip-in plates also makes for useful buffet containers for snacks and salad dressings.



THE STOCKHOLM pitcher and tumbler a great ... all-time cocktails.

By Lia S. Bernardo

AS SOON AS THE RAINS are gone, the weather cools down. That's the best time for outdoor entertaining.

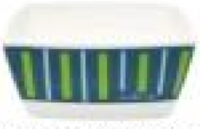
Whether for a poolside barbecue or sunset cocktails at the beach, we've found the best wares for such occasions. Of course you know that safe poolware should not be made of glass, lest they break and cause injury. But they shouldn't be paper plates and plastic cups, either.

Whether your gathering is poolside, at the garden, by the beach, or even at the breakfast nook, here are items that can be used often and add style to your next at-home party.

The Jonathan Adler collection of dinnerware we found at Rustan's is both functional and creative. The pieces come in fun designs you can mix and match, and they are flexible enough for use in either casual family gatherings or bigger celebrations.



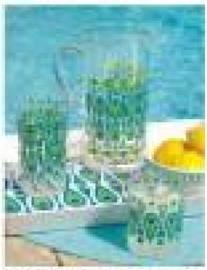
THE JONATHAN Adler Palm Beach Fish collection is great as a set, or it can also be mixed and matched with the other Jonathan Adler designs.



SALAD bowls can also double as containers for fresh fruits or desserts, such as almond jellies or mango sago.



THE TEARDROP-SHAPED Mod Peacock collection may be used as dining plates or serving plates.



THE MOD PEACOCK drinkware—a must-have for outdoor entertaining.

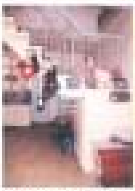
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Makeover results in cozier home













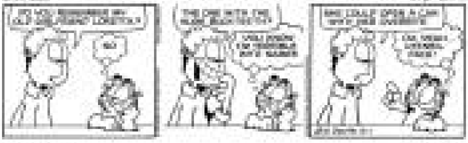
Charitable organization is setting world record

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Linda B. Bolido

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By Jim Davis



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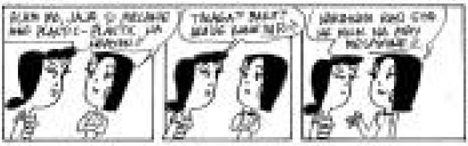
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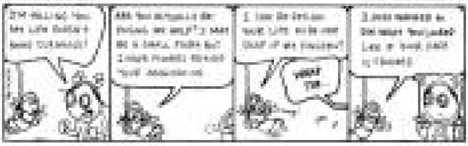
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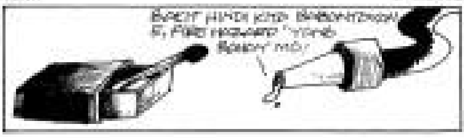
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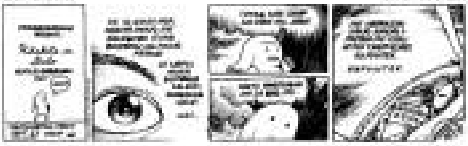
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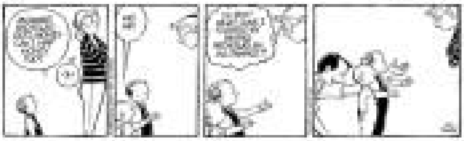


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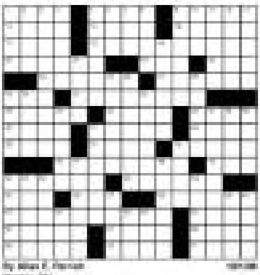


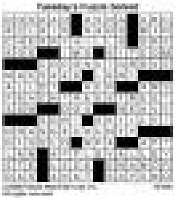
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BY FRANCIS DRAKE

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Difficulty Level ★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle





Awesome finds at 105 Rada

WHEN YOU STOP AND SAY "WOW" WHEN shopping, followed by "I want this," you know you're in trouble.

Well, that's all you'll be saying when you enter Scandinavia Trend at 105 Rada St. Makati. Here's a glimpse of some must-have items for any stylish home.



ROSENDAHL magazine rack



ROSENDAHL wine rack



STYLE and color make this pitcher by Stelton a winner

LIFESTYLE



An Antipolo garden

In Wendy Regalado's green space, weeds and blossoms grow side by side, and trees provide backdrops to wild and merry undergrowth



By Margo C. Enriquez
Contributor

ARCHITECT PATRICIA "Wendy" Regalado's garden in Antipolo is a charming expression of her personal style.

Like most tropical gardens, it is characterized by prolific growth. The garden blossoms without the gardener worrying about weeding; the additional plants simply augment the lushness. The fruit and hardwood trees serve as the backdrop for shrubs, ferns and tropical flowers.

Some of the taller plants are used to enclose a space for smaller plants to flourish, a sitting nook or a decorative accent.

The dense growth that the trees and vines provide create a private little comfort area.



AMBASSADOR Robert Brinks of The Netherlands (second from left) is guest of honor at the ribbon-cutting ceremony, joined by dashing World Press Photo managing director Michiel Munneke, Ateneo de Manila University president Fr. Bienvenido Nebres, Unilever Philippines director for corporate relations [illegible], [illegible] Philippines Properties Inc. VP for finance and administration [illegible] and The Podium mall manager Christian Mattey



ADOLF Azcuna and Mark Bradshaw, chair of Ateneo's Department of Communication



INDONESIAN Ambassador, professor [illegible] Tandjung, and VP for development Alex Kurniawan



NETHERLANDS Ambassador Robert Brinks and Ambassador [illegible] Fabris of Italy



JIMMY Domingo and ACFJ's Dr. Violet Valdez



TNT'S Cocio Pablo, Roberto de Guzman and World Press managing director, good-looking Michiel Munneke



SM VP for marketing and communications Millie Dizon, Maestro Franco Dytoco and Netherlands Embassy Second Secretary Paula Schneider

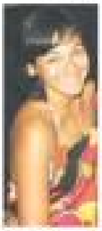


KONRAD Adenauer's Klaus Preschle and Peter Koeppinger



ONE OF ACFJ'S Diploma in Photojournalism graduates, [illegible] "RJ" Villafranca, a freelance photographer, won the [illegible] Scholarship 2008 for his photo essay on youth gangs.

World Press Photo showcases award-winning works



CHINA Cojuangco



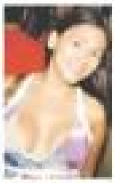
HOT Bigfish [illegible] Pixie Lulanga and Ricky Baker



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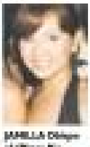
RACHEL Lobangco and DJ Surf



RAVEN Villanueva



DJ JOHN Boy Lee, Pixie Lulanga and DJ Dennis Christopher



JAMILLA Obispo of "Pinoy Big Brother Teen Edition" 2007



BIGFISH party crowd

SOME OF THE COUNTRY'S TOP photojournalists, dahlings, recently gathered for the 2008 World Press Photo Exhibition at The Podium in Ortigas Center.

A joint project of the Konrad Adenauer Asian Center for Journalism (ACFJ) at the Ateneo de Manila University, the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, The Podium and Unilever Philippines, the exhibit showcased about 200 awesome photographs, including the winning photos in the annual World Press competition, no less, palangga.

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache



Photos by Allen Van Hagen using [illegible] Photo Solutions

Also [illegible] by the Photo of the Year by **Tim Hetherington** of United Kingdom, for Vanity Fair, showing an American soldier resting at a bunker in Korengal, Afghanistan.

The tall, dashing and good-looking World Press Photo managing director, **Michiel Munneke**, jetted in from the Netherlands to take part in the opening with Ambassador **Robert Brinks** of the Royal Dutch Embassy in Manila, who was among the [illegible] important personalities at the ribbon-cutting.

"The World Press competition and traveling photo exhibit have been conducted since 1955 by World Press Photo, an Amsterdam-based outfit (WPP) recognized as the world's most significant and prestigious platform for press photography," explained SM's VP for marketing and communications, cyber-smart **Millie Dizon**, palangga.

Apart from The Podium exhibit, which was also showcased at SM Mall of Asia and The Block SM City North Edsa, dahlings, [illegible].

Bigfish parties

Rain or shine, Aklan's breathtaking paradise, Boracay reigns the beach destination in the country. Every party here knows that wicked parties are part of Boracay's charm. And Bigfish's annual celebrations make the island even hotter, dahlings.

As in the past, Bigfish in cooperation with Nokia Music turned Boracay's Hey Jude Bar and [illegible] into sizzling party places. An awesome mix of foreigners and hot men and women made up the Boracay party crowd. The first 100 Nokia users that presented their mobile phones at the entrance got in free of charge, dahlings.

Bigfish kicked off the bash with Manila [illegible] resident DJ **John Boy Lee**, who got the crowd warmed up for the night of dance. DJ Dennis Christopher was next. Dennis delighted everyone by spinning an electrifying progressive set, that took the party to even greater heights until 7 a.m.

Bigfish also featured [illegible] Beach Angel, palangga, this time with Craig Mc Ginnis, saxophonist Lady [illegible] and Johnboy Lee.

Needless to say, the gig got another feather on Bigfish's cap, thanks to Nokia Music, [illegible], Bigfish Radio, Folded & Hung, Bigfish TV, Smart, Boracay.net plus host of other sponsors.

Bigfish Radio airs on Magic 89.9 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. every Saturday. [illegible] music nationwide.

Just imagine what the rest of 2008 will bring you, irresponsible party people. Bigfish surely will be back, dahlings.

UP centennial celebration

The country's prestigious University of the Philippines and the UP Centennial Commission held a "thank-you" dinner at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel for "the generous donations to the University of the Philippines centennial fund," said UP president Emerlinda R. Roman during her welcome remarks, dahlings. The event traced UP's history and its link to the growth and development of the country.

Sen. Edgardo Angara, UP Centennial Commission chair, said "the efforts of the commission in the centennial fund that will be used for the improvement and maintenance of different facilities."

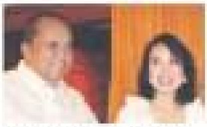
An impressive list of UP Centennial donors [illegible], includes architect David Consunji; members of the 14th Congress; Coca-Cola Bottlers Philippines represented by [illegible]; former prime minister Dr. Cesar Virata; Dr. Gregorio [illegible]; [illegible] Robina Gokongwei-Pe; Dr. Arsenio Balisacan; Ambassador Jesus Yabes; Dr. Magdaleno Albarracin Jr.; Dr. Angelito Bernas; lawyer Eduardo Hernandez; [illegible]; Malou Mangahas on behalf of the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism; Ramon del Rosario of Phinma; Makati's dynamic Mayor Jejomar Binay; [illegible] of the University of California Berkeley Alumni Association; Ann "Pinky" [illegible] and Fernando Zobel de Ayala of the Ayala Group of Companies, were honored with paintings of the UP Carillon done by individual artists.

Apart the speeches of several generous investors offered pledges for additional donations to the University. They include ABS-CBN, Philippine Daily Inquirer, The Philippine Star, Philex Mining Corp., Philippine Charity Sweepstakes, PLDT, Smart Communications represented by the ever dependable and intelligent Orlando Vea, Smart's chief wireless advisor and an outstanding alumnus, palangga.

A great happening for a fantastic cause, dahlings.



ROBINA Gokongwei-Pe receives a token from Sen. Edgardo Angara (right); UP president Emerlinda Roman (second from right) and UP Diliman chancellor Sergio Cao



CAMARINES Sur 2nd District Rep. Luis R. Villafuerte and Sen. Loren Legarda



PHINMA president and chief executive officer Ramon R. del Rosario Jr.



SEN. Edgardo J. Angara, UP Centennial Commission chair



DINNER host Dr. David M. Consunji and wife [illegible] Consunji, UP Centennial Commission members Dr. Magdaleno Albarracin Jr., lawyer Eduardo Hernandez, executive director Benjamin C. Sandoval and Paola Sandoval



DR. LUIS Rey Velasco, UP Los Baños chancellor; Dr. Ramon Arcadio, UP Manila chancellor; Dr. Sergio Cao, UP Diliman chancellor; Emerlinda Roman, UP president; Orlando Vea of PLDT and Smart Foundation; Sen. Angara; Dr. Glenn Aguilar, UP Visayas chancellor and Dr. Grace Alfonso, UP Open University chancellor





An Antipolo garden



Patterns, colors, textures





Family space



How to make leaf imprints

Step By Step

YOU CAN ADD DASH TO A plain box, fabric or garment by infusing leaf patterns. All you need are a rolling pin or brayer (or a roller brush), a paint brush, rubberized textile paint and any material on which you want to design. Wendy Regalado, president of the Philippine Horticultural Society, favors the Davallia leaf because of its strong veins. "You can use other leaves that have edges that don't curl up and have nice veins."

Marge C. Enriquez



1 COVER the table with old newspaper and place some under the fabric or garment for support.



2 PAINT the back side of the leaves. Do not add water to the paint because it will be runny.



3 COVER with more newspaper and roll.



4 REMOVE

Goings On

Children's theater festival

UP symposium

UST Varsitarian workshop

Ballet Philippines' "New Beginnings"

Shell winners

Anniversary promo

Photo courses

New Voice workshop

Acting and directing workshops

Joker's daughter, rich kid



Aga: No to *scandal*



But he stands by wife Charlene in what he jokingly calls a 'Krisis'

Three RP films top Bangkok fest

The best of Ogie in '20/20'

DOLLY WOOD

Dolly Anne Carvajal





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Directed by Kidlat Tahimik, [illegible], Lav Diaz, etc.

In its third year, .MOV [illegible] [illegible] Festival director [illegible] de la Cruz says [illegible] Exclusively in Robinsons Galleria.



JUDY Ann Santos and Dennis Trillo in "Mag-ingat Ka Sa Kulam"



Mag-Ingat Ka Sa … Kulam

Stars Judy Ann Santos, Dennis Trillo, [illegible], TJ Trinidad, Sharlene San Pedro

Directed by Jun Lana

Recovering from a car crash, young wife [illegible] [illegible] Regal Films [illegible]

Mirrors

Stars Kiefer Sutherland, [illegible], Paula Patton

Directed by Alexandre Aja

While patrolling a fire-damaged department store, a security guard discovers that [illegible] of Los Angeles Times [illegible] horror film."

Three Kingdoms: Resurrection of the Dragon

Stars Andy Lau, Sammo Hung, Maggie Q, [illegible]

Directed by Daniel Lee

Based on the 500-year-old novel "Resurrection of the Dragon" [illegible] [illegible]

Sun Kissed

Stars [illegible]

Directed by Patrick McCracken

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7 BANGKOK DANGEROUS
8 IndieSine: HULING PASADA
9 SUNNISEED
10 DISASTER MOVIE / MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL

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4 EAGLE EYE

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3 MAKE IT HAPPEN
4 THE MUTANT CHRONICLES



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INVITES YOU TO BLIND THE EYE OF THE STORM.

STA. ROSA

1 MAG-INGAT KA SA KULAM
2 MIRRORS
3 BANGKOK DANGEROUS
4 I.T.A.L.Y.

LIPA

1 MAG-INGAT KA SA KULAM
2 BANGKOK DANGEROUS
3 HELLBOY 2 / RIGHTEOUS KILL
4 LOST in BEIJING

DASMARIÑAS

1 MAG-INGAT KA SA KULAM
2 BIG STAN
3 EAGLE EYE
4 DISASTER MOVIE

IMUS

1 MAG-INGAT KA SA KULAM
2 MIRRORS
3 BIG STAN
4 EAGLE EYE

ANGELES

1 MAG-INGAT KA SA KULAM
2 [illegible] ISLAND/NEVER BACK DOWN
3 GRAVEDANCERS
4 DISASTER MOVIE

STARMILLS

1 MAG-INGAT SA KULAM
2 GRAVEDANCERS
3 I.T.A.L.Y.
4 BANGKOK DANGEROUS
5 BIG STAN
6 DISASTER MOVIE

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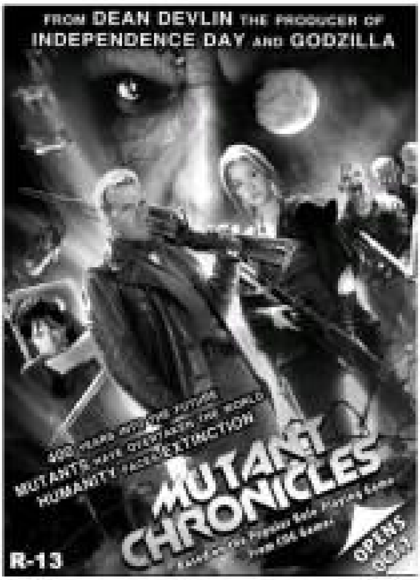


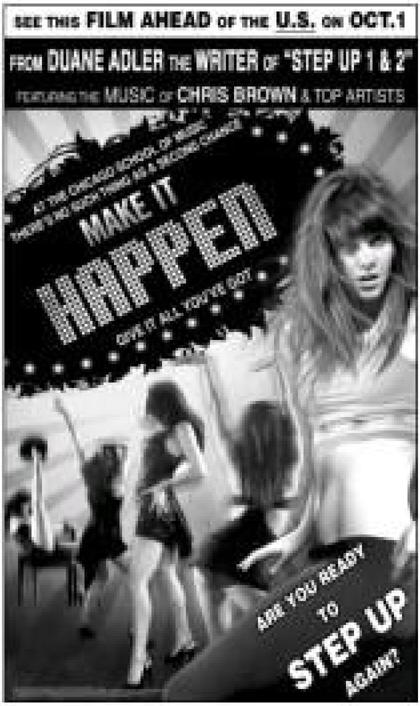
Make It Happen

Mutant Chronicles



"Mutant Chronicles"





At the Cinemas

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	3 MUTANT CHRONICLES	4 MAKE IT HAPPEN	5 MIRRORS	
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	3 MAKE IT HAPPEN	4 KULAM	5 MUTANT CHRONICLES	
AYALA CENTER CEBU	1 EAGLE EYE	2 MIRRORS	3 HELLBOY 2	4 [illegible]
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At the Malls

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Greenbelt	BP AT GREENBELT [illegible]
Alabang Town Center	[illegible]
Ayala Center Cebu	[illegible]
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TriNoma	[illegible]

'Pack-up' for Cirio, Gabby buries dad









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